

**Energy conservation partnership:** The Governor's Office for Innovation in Government, under the guidance of **Steve Nissen**, Director of the Office of Planning and Research, and **David Rosenberg**, Director of Community and Intergovernmental Relations, is facilitating Local Government Partnership Meetings with an emphasis on energy conservation. Recent forums have highlighted the funding programs available from the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utility Commission. Participants share best practices and have collaborated on a variety of work products designed to increase conservation efforts throughout the state. For more information contact **Jerri Dale**, Project Manager, at [jerri.dale@innovation.ca.gov](mailto:jerri.dale@innovation.ca.gov) or (916) 445-1176. For general energy conservation information, visit the energy challenge website at: <http://www.flexyourpower.ca.gov>



**Second chance:** If you happened to miss the May Executive Leadership Forum on change management, you missed a dandy. From the summer fashion tips (think energy challenge) to hard-hitting presentations on staying ahead of the change curve. You can still benefit from the knowledge because electronic copies of the presentations delivered by the keynote speakers are available on the Department of Information Technology's website at: <http://www.doit.ca.gov/elf/> ....

**Hit the links:** By popular demand, the Innovation in Government staff has compiled a page of links to websites that contain a treasure-trove of information related to performance excellence. Please visit <http://www.iig.ca.gov/links/other.shtml> to see who's doing what, and be sure to let us know if your favorite website is not included....

**You have three brains:** No, this isn't the title of some B-movie gathering dust in the discount video bin. It's the foundation of the latest research into how we react to the various stimuli in our lives, particularly at work. Noted motivational speaker and author **Dr. Robert K. Cooper** outlined the theory June 14<sup>th</sup> at a presentation in Sacramento sponsored by California State University, Sacramento Regional & Continuing Education. Cooper says "human brilliance, commitment and creativity may be driven far less by the brain in the head than by newly discovered intelligence centers – now called 'brain two and brain three' – in the gut and the heart." If you don't want to wait for the movie, you can read more about it at: <http://www.theother90percent.com/resources/neuroscience.htm> ....

**Successful partnership:** **Steve Nissen**, Governor Davis' Special Assistant for Innovation in Government, and Caltrans Director **Jeff Morales**, presented "Excellence in Partnering" certificates to Caltrans and contractor project personnel on May 29 in Capitol Park. The Caltrans Excellence in Partnering Award, introduced in 2000, is co-sponsored by the Associated General Contractors and Professional Engineers in California Government. The seven nominated contracts, valued at \$183



million, represent a process that has helped save 200 working days and \$17.4 million in project costs while delivering better projects. Read more about it in the Caltrans employee newsletter at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctnews/#NINTH> ....

**Success stories:** One of the best parts of working in the Governor's Office for Innovation in Government is having the opportunity to spotlight the many innovative efforts that are flourishing throughout state government. You'll soon read about many of them in our upcoming Annual Report, but in the interest of building suspense we're offering a sneak preview, exclusively to *Innovation-Gram* subscribers (and anyone else who is interested), at:

<http://www.iig.ca.gov/projects/presentation1.shtml> ....

**Quality quote:** "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."

*—Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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*This monthly bulletin is intended to keep you abreast of significant activities going on in the Governor's Office for Innovation in Government, as well as to highlight innovative happenings around that state and around the world that might have an impact on your workplace. Feel free to forward it around. We hope to keep this communiqué lively, informative and relevant. For additional information, please visit the Innovation in Government website at <http://www.iig.ca.gov> . Comments and contributions are encouraged. E-mail **Russell Snyder** at [Russell.Snyder@innovation.ca.gov](mailto:Russell.Snyder@innovation.ca.gov) or call (916) 323-9168.*